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### Field Crops Report

As of February 24, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 42 percent not being harvested, 17 percent light, 15 percent moderate and 26 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 16 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as light.

**Small Grains** emergence is virtually complete, while heading is just getting underway. As of February 24, 1 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 1 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 1 percent of **Barley**, and 1 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 3 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 61 percent fair and 27 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, head lettuce, mixed greens and spinach.

Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, rapini, salad savoy and spinach last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

Last week citrus producers in central Arizona harvested tangerines, lemons, grapefruit, mandarins and navels, while western producers harvested tangerines, lemons and grapefruit.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State remained above average for the week ending February 23. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Parker and Yuma, to 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 88 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 16 degrees at Flagstaff and Winslow. Light precipitation was reported at 3 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.04 inches at Douglas to 0.07 inches at Flagstaff.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 17 TO FEBRUARY 23, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	38	4	69	17	0.00	0.06	1.18
Casa Grande	56	2	84	34	0.00	0.16	1.27
Coolidge	54	4	87	32	0.00	0.04	1.42
Douglas	49	4	82	25	0.04	1.33	1.15
Flagstaff	32	6	64	16	0.07	0.09	3.73
Gila Bend	59	2	85	38	0.00	0.05	1.11
Grand Canyon	31	8	65	22	0.05	0.10	2.44
Kingman	47	6	80	27	0.00	0.04	1.61
Parker	60	1	88	40	0.00	0.00	0.94
Payson	42	2	71	22	0.00	0.33	3.57
Phoenix	59	4	84	45	0.00	0.05	1.20
Prescott Airport	42	4	71	24	0.00	0.00	1.64
Safford Ag Center	49	6	81	27	0.00	0.09	1.19
Tucson	55	4	86	33	0.00	0.61	1.42
Willcox	46	4	81	24	0.00	0.80	1.51
Winslow	40	3	74	16	0.00	0.03	0.87
Yuma	62	1	86	41	0.00	0.00	0.57

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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